



Section 20a

Carbon-Carbon Radiator (CCR)

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Carbon-Carbon (C-C)



- Carbon-Carbon (C-C) Composite material that uses carbon for both the fiber and the matrix material
 - produced in a high temperature furnace in a lengthy process
- C-C has high thermal conductivity, good strength, and is lighter than Aluminum
- ◆ C-C used in high temperature applications
 - Aircraft brakes, Space Shuttle wing leading edge
- Limited applications elsewhere to date, primarily due to cost and production lead time



C-C Spacecraft Radiator Partnership (CSRP)



- CSRP started by Howard Maahs of NASA Langley and Elizabeth Shinn of Wright Patterson Air Force Base to promote the use of C-C as a radiator material
- CSRP was an informal partnership with members from government and industry
 - NASA Langley, NASA/Goddard, Air Force at Wright Patterson and Phillips Lab, Naval Surface Warfare Center,
 - TRW, Lockheed Martin, Amoco, B.F.Goodrich, Materials Research, Swales
- ◆ The New Millennium Program's EO-1 mission provided an opportunity for the CSRP to fly a C-C radiator
 - C-C radiator provided by CSRP at "no cost" to NMP



C-C Radiator on EO-1



- The C-C radiator replaces one of six structural panels on the EO-1 Spacecraft - it is both a radiator and a structural member
- ◆ C-C Radiator consists of 1" AI honeycomb with 0.020" C-C face-sheets, approximately 28" by 28"
 - Utilizes two plies of P30X carbon fibers with carbon matrix established by Chemical Vapor Infiltration
 - Epoxy coated for strength and contamination protection
 - Aluminum inserts bonded to honeycomb core for mounting of electronics boxes and attachment to the S/C
 - Exterior coated with Silver Teflon for heat rejection
- CSRP delivered one flight unit and one spare to GSFC
 - Flight qualification testing completed at GSFC



EO-1 C-C Radiator









CCR Technology Validation (Thermal)



- Verify thermal performance of C-C material meets S/C requirements, evaluate any degradation of thermal conductivity (none expected)
 - Thermal conductivity measured by testing (coupon level and panel level Thermal Vacuum (T/V) tests)
 - Thermal cycling verified panel integrity
 - Thermal model correlated to test results and flight data
 - S/C level T/V test provided additional verification, comparison for C-C flight thermistor readings
 - Monitor C-C thermistor data on-orbit, along with S/C attitude data
 - Correlated flight data with C-C thermal model to verify proper
 C-C radiator performance



CCR Technology Validation (Structural / Other)



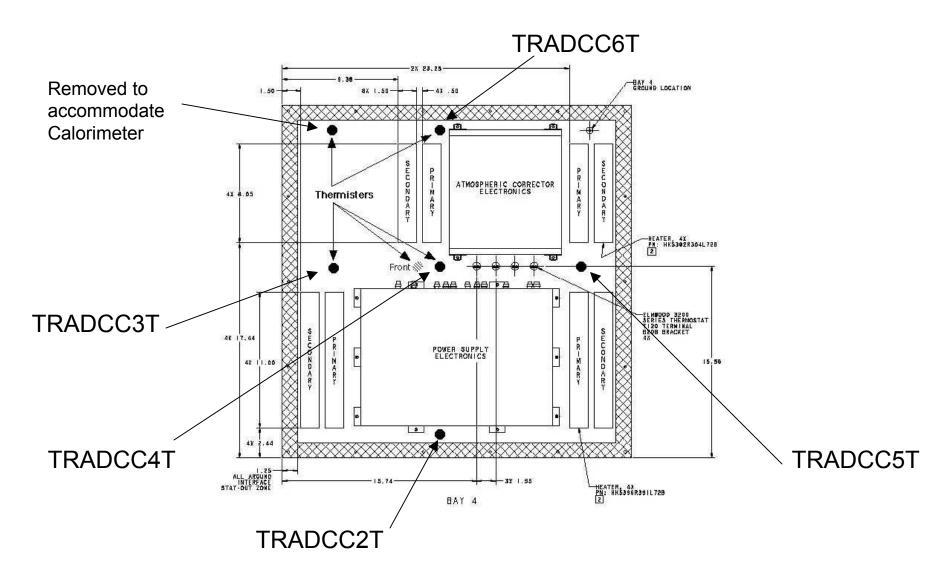
- ◆ Coupon Level Tests verify material integrity and strength
- ◆ Panel Level Tests/Analysis
 - Vibration and Strength
 - Structural Analysis and Modeling
 - Mass Properties
 - Non-destructive examination (radiography) conducted before and after qualification testing
- Spacecraft Level Testing
 - Vibration
 - Thermal Vacuum
 - EMI



C-C Radiator Thermistor Layout



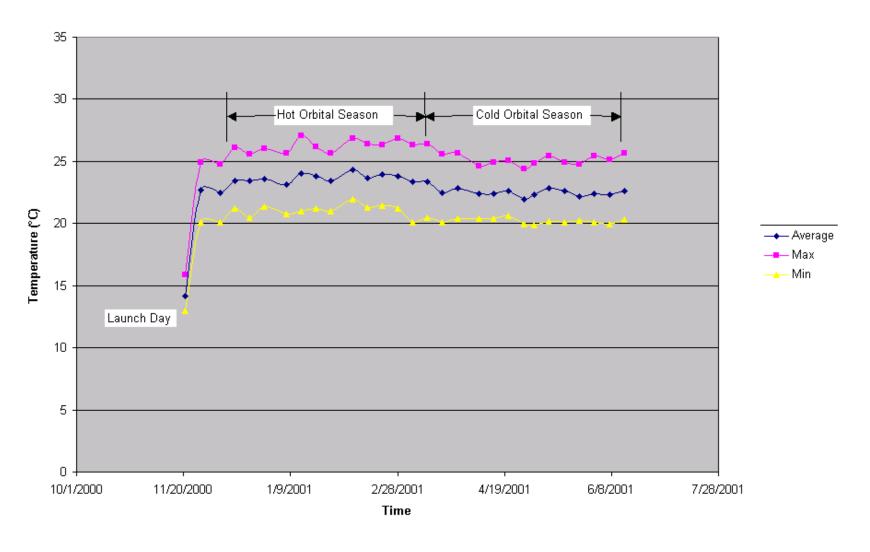
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C-C Radiator (Bay 4T)





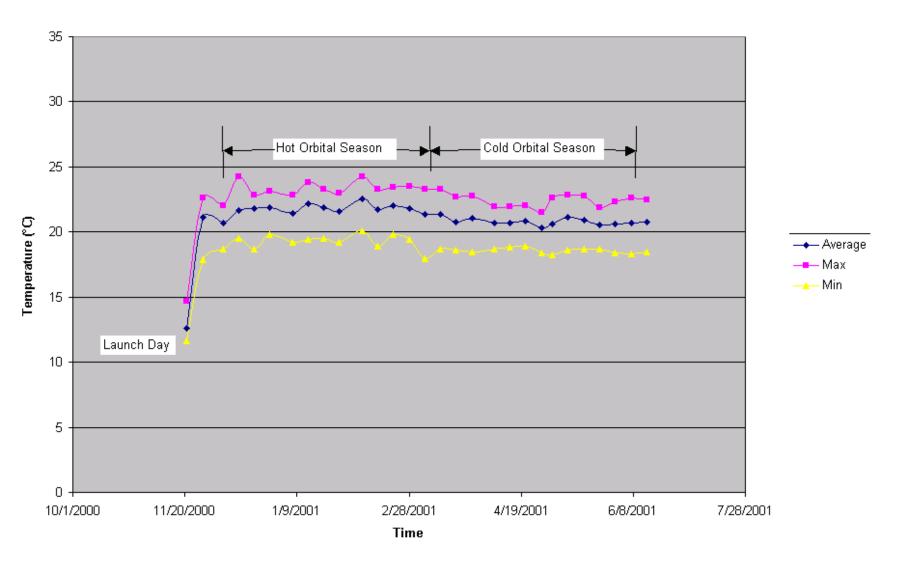


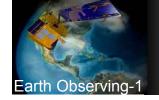
C-C Radiator (TRADCC2T)



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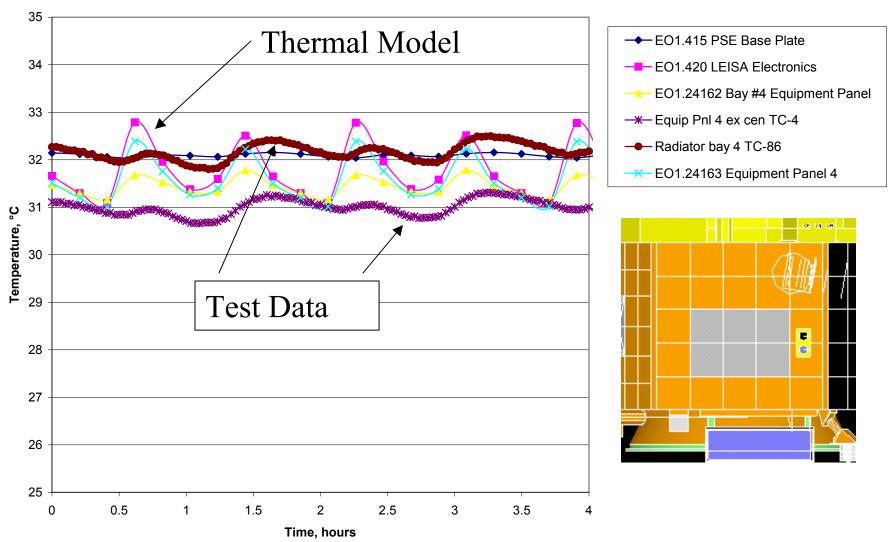
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EO-1 Hot Balance Thermal Model vs. Test Results



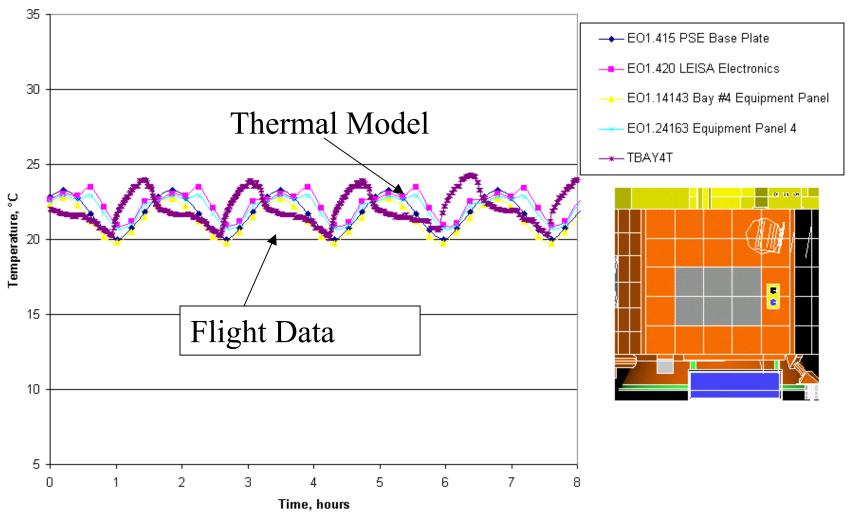




EO-1 DCE Thermal Analysis Results



EO-1 DCE (Nominal) Thermal Analysis Results (December 2, 2000)





CCR Technology Transfer / Lessons Learned



- ◆ C-C Radiator technology was successfully validated
 - C-C radiator panels can be used to reduce S/C weight
 - They can also be used as part of the S/C structure
- ◆ C-C has a niche, especially for high temperatures
 - Application on the Solar probe
- ◆ C-C still needs further development (my opinion)
 - Reduction in fabrication time and cost high conductivity "traditional" composites are competitive
 - CTE Interface issues with heat pipes
- Redundancy a good idea we flew the spare panel
- Possible follow-on missions: C-C foam for low CTE mirrors/optical benches



Summary



- ◆ CSRP was a success informal inter-agency partnership
 - Thanks to all who contributed this was a fun job
- CSRP no longer in business, but manufacturers of Carbon-Carbon are still operating, i.e. B.F. Goodrich, Amoco
- ◆ Thanks to EO-1 project and Swales for this opportunity